

## Bible Knowledge in 2020

July 2021

The year COVID struck the world was difficult for everyone. Tanzanian schools were closed from March to June. When they opened again, teachers and students had to work hard to make up for lost time in preparing for exams in late 2020. We thought that many students would drop Bible Knowledge – an optional subject – to focus on core subjects. But by the grace of God we completed 2020 with more students than the year before! Here are the stats for our program.

	2019	2020
Number of schools in BK program	28	29
Number of pastors teaching	13	15
Number of school teachers	36	31
Students who sat Form 4 BK exam (% passed)	152 (71%)	107 (64%)
Students who sat Form 2 BK exam (% passed)	542 (47%)	428 (58%)
Estimated BK students in Forms 1 to 4*	2,000	2,500

\* We cannot get exact numbers of total students in our program due to the difficulty of getting stats from teachers. However, we know how many of our students sat the BK exams from the National Examination Council of Tanzania (NECTA) website (Form 2 = [www.necta.go.tz/fsee\\_results](http://www.necta.go.tz/fsee_results) Form 4 = [www.necta.go.tz/csee\\_results](http://www.necta.go.tz/csee_results)). No national exams held in Forms 1 and 3.

Amazingly, our program income also increased in 2020 as shown below (approximate AUD).

	2019	2020
Income from SparkLit	10,000	20,286
Income from other sources (mainly TMA)	6,500	3,000
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>16,500</b>	<b>23,286</b>
Books	3,426	1,200
Reimbursements (for pastors teaching)	7,899	5,500
Training	0	0
Coordination	7,977	7,200
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>19,302</b>	<b>13,900</b>

We thank God for all this support, particularly that SparkLit was able to increase their funding for Bible Knowledge due to the generous support of individual donors (partly via our website). You can see the BK page on SparkLit's site at <http://sparklit.org/2020/11/12/bible-knowledge-is-in-demand/>. They also featured our program in their spring 2020 newsletter:



**By the grace of God, the program grew in 2020 through generous support, good coordination, hard work by teachers, and a strong desire by thousands of students to know the Bible.**